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CALTRANS AWARDS NEARLY \$250 MILLION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans has awarded nearly \$250 million to improve public transit and air quality across California. One-hundred twenty-seven projects will upgrade transit service, purchase eco-friendly buses, modernize transit stations, and create jobs throughout the state.

"These projects give Californians a viable alternative to using their cars," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Public transit reduces traffic congestion and protects the environment by lowering greenhouse gas emissions."

The funding comes from Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, which is providing \$3.6 billion over a 10-year period to improve public transit in California. To date, Proposition 1B has provided more than \$2 billion in funding to nearly 900 transit projects statewide, with 340 completed.

Some of the notable projects awarded Proposition 1B funding include:

Riverside County: \$217,497 to replace the existing scheduling and dispatch software and equipment for CCTS fixed route and demand response system. Also replacing mobile data terminals for 14-15 buses – City of Corona.

San Bernardino County: \$110,615 to purchase of a NABI CNG transit coach for fixed-route service – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$28,189 to access improvements to six stops in Victor Valley Transit Authority's service area including retrofitting sidewalks for ADA, construction of bus stop pads, and construction of new sidewalks.– Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$63,659 to purchase three Type III replacement paratransit vehicles – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

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San Bernardino County: \$35,000 to purchase a replacement Ford F150 service truck used for service monitoring and security at stations and stops – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$1.8 million to purchase three alternate fuel fixed-route transit coaches – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$1.2 to purchase eight replacement class E paratransit vehicles. 32', 30-passenger, fully ADA accessible – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$190,000 to purchase two Class C replacement paratransit buses – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$105,000 to purchase replacement service vehicles used to monitor service and operations, response to non-mechanical issues (fare boxes, headway signs, other ITS issues), on-time performance checks, weather and road condition checks, monitor bus stops, stations, and transfer hubs....may be used occasionally to pick up stranded passengers – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$576,474 to update and upgrade current outdated ITS system with more efficient servers, software, and hardware technology. Expansion of ITS system to include newer fleet vehicles – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

San Bernardino County: \$125,000 to purchase and install new shelters, pads, benches, signage, solar lights, and other bus stop amenities – Victor Valley Transit Authority.

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received Proposition 1B transit funding, please see the attached file.

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